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Mr. Palmer Williams,
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Dear Mr. Williams,

Your silence is not surprising, for I anticipated a negative policy decision. (There has been no acknowledgement of my letter to Dr. Stanton.) However, it is a disappointment.

Should you desire to learn whether or not there is what I say, may I make this suggestion? George Hermon is both a good reporter and a fine fellow. He has interviewed me several times. If you'd like, I'd be willing for him to examine my material. I am but an hour from your Washington, probably closer to his home. office,

If you caught your own 7 a.m. new this morning, I'd like to believe that could kindle interest, with its reporting of yesterday's Ray hearing.

On your own show, the reporting on Baltimore crime this morning, there is one dimension lacking in an otherwise very good assessment: the violence of the extremist right and its triggering effect on the blacks. You should have much old footage on this. Baltimore is a stronghold of Klan and National States Rights Party activity, was big for Wallace. The Baltimore County Police have two excellent experts on this kind of activity, both known to me (I've worked with them). If you believe there can be a cause-effect relationship between racism and crime, Baltimore's position as a crime leader tends to confirm it.

I would like to obtain a transcript of Friday's and future LBJ shows, for research purposes and for my own possible future writing. Would you please ask the proper person to send me a transcript of it and put me on any list for those to come? And if there is any special form in which CBS would want credit acknowledged, I'd like to be told that, too, please. This begins as one of the more fascinating rewritings of current events as well as history. Orwell has been much on my mind in my recent work.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg